

<p style="text-align: center;">MICHIGAN DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT BOARD MEETING MINUTES September 15, 2017</p>

***** Approved *****

Members Present:

Dr. Cris Sullivan, Chair
Yvonne Brantley
Hon. Thomas Cameron
Jeffrie Cape
James Fink
Jacqueline Schafer

Members Absent:

Hon. Elizabeth Pollard Hines

Staff Present:

Michael Bobbitt, Board Secretary
Debi Cain, Executive Director
Tonya Avery
Debbie Felder-Smith
Carol Hackett Garagiola
Gail Krieger
Karen Porter
Lore Rogers

Guests:

Stephanie Beyersdorf - State Court Administrator's Office
Representative Laura Cox - Michigan House of Representatives
Angela Madarang - Michigan House of Representatives
Paula Kaiser Van Dam - Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
Mary Pollock - American Association of University Women of Michigan
Stacy Westra - State Court Administrator's Office

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair C. Sullivan convened the September 15, 2017 Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board meeting at the Michigan Historical Library - Lake Superior room in Lansing, Michigan at 2:10 p.m. Introductions were made and a welcome extended to guests.

BOARD CONSENT

Review of agenda and approval of June 9, 2017 meeting minutes.

MOTION: Moved by Y. Brantley to approve the September 15, 2017 agenda and to approve the June 9, 2017 meeting minutes with corrections. Motion seconded by T. Cameron.

CHAIR'S REPORT

C. Sullivan said she is looking forward to the October Board education retreat. An agenda will be sent to Board members after it is finalized. Tribal members from the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi, representatives from a Chippewa Tribe in Detroit and a representative from United Three Fires are planning to attend the October Board education retreat as well.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – GENERAL OVERVIEW OF WORK TO DATE

P. Kaiser Van Dam, Director of the Bureau of Community Services at the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services announced that D. Cain will be Acting Director of the new Victim Services Division. The Victim Services division merges the Crime Victim Services Commission and the Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board. D. Cain said that merging the two largest crime victim organizations in Michigan will allow better utilization of resources to provide help to victims.

D. Cain distributed a folder of printed media articles regarding domestic violence and sexual assault throughout the state of Michigan that she collected over the past few months. The large collection of articles demonstrated how relevant these issues are in society.

D. Cain said that survivor Wendy Morrison gave a phenomenal presentation for prosecutor victim advocates regarding her experience of being a victim of kidnapping and sexual assault. Wendy also spoke about opening a center for holistic healing to help other survivors.

J. Cape announced that a BISC-MI International Conference is scheduled for November 1-3, 2017. The general theme of the conference is about ways people deal with perpetrators and methods to promote safety and empowerment for victims. Board members are invited to attend.

G. Krieger spoke about the upcoming Campus Sexual Assault Summit at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti on September 25, 2017. Becky Campbell is the morning keynote speaker and Keith Edwards is the afternoon keynote speaker. Dr. David Lisak and Rus Funk will both conduct workshops at the summit. G. Krieger said that a campus sexual assault handbook providing rights and options for victims will be available at the summit. The handbook was compiled by a working group of prosecutors, Title IX officers, and service providers.

D. Cain announced that M. Lovik will be retiring. D. Cain said that M. Lovik is an outstanding employee who will be sorely missed. M. Lovik may not attend another Board meeting, but she will continue to work on a coercive abortion package for women that ensures they know their rights when having an abortion. She is also participating in a workgroup along with C. Hackett Garagiola discussing the ramifications of police body worn cameras for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. D. Cain said that Board members are welcome to participate in the workgroup.

LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

G. Krieger reported on HB 4190, which expands a prosecutor's ability to introduce other acts of sexual assault by a defendant in a current case of adult sexual assault.

MOTION: Moved by J. Fink to authorize the Board Chair and Executive Director to direct staff in communicating the Board's position on HB 4190 consistent with the guiding principles of the Board. Motion seconded by T. Cameron. Motion carried.

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS:

No announcements.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

M. Pollock, speaking on behalf of AAUW of Michigan, said the amended version of HB 4691 regarding joint custody is unacceptable and poses a risk to victims of domestic violence. M. Pollock asked about the position of U.S. Secretary of Education B. DeVos on the issue of campus sexual assault. D. Cain said that it has been expressed to Secretary B. DeVos the critical importance of a victim-centered response. M. Pollock said she is concerned about coercive abortion. D. Cain said that a coercive abortion law was passed a number of years ago and materials are being created specifically for battered women regarding coercive abortion.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: Moved by Y. Brantley to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded by T. Cameron. Motion carried. The meeting ended at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Bobbitt
Board Secretary